



Local Government Advisory Committee

to the Chesapeake Executive Council

Local Government Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting in Leola, PA Actions and Discussion September 28-29, 2023

Call to Order: Greetings and Introductions	LGAC Chair Daniel Chao	Meeting called to order at 9:55 am
Jurisdiction Meeting Report-Outs and Member Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DC Report-Out: Brianne Nadeau• DE Report-Out: Don Phillips• MD Report-Out: Mark Dobbins• PA Report-Out: Michael Helfrich• VA Report-Out: Richard Baugh• WV Report-Out: None	<p>DC - City Council is looking at increased efforts for removing plastic bottles and other contaminants from local waterways with possible new legislation.</p> <p>DE - Don Phillips is representing LGAC at the CBP Beyond 2025 Steering Committee meetings.</p> <p>MD - Vacant Maryland seats on LGAC were discussed. Members reviewed the Local Government Forum Recommendations Infographic and made some suggestions to improve it, and discussed the LGAC Annual Recommendations.</p> <p>PA - Provided review of the 2023 LGAC Annual Recommendations and were in support of the sandboxing concept and expanding capacity for local municipalities to access federal funding. Members discussed the importance of educating newly educated officials on Chesapeake Bay issues.</p> <p>VA - Discussion focused on Commonwealth budget allocations and opportunities to educate incoming local elected officials. The VA delegation will send an introduction letter to the newly elected officials by early January. Members were pleased with the Local Government Forum Recommendations Infographic and made some helpful suggestions to direct the focus.</p>
Leveraging Department of Defense Installation Collaboration and External Partnerships	<p>Kevin Du Bois, Acting Department of Defense (DoD) CBP Coordinator, Department of the Navy Contact: kevin.r.dubois.civ@us.navy.mil</p> <p>Current DoD CBP Coordinator Contact: Blake Waller,</p>	<p>K. Du Bois explained the background and drivers of the DoD Chesapeake Bay Program, shared Fiscal Year 2022 contributions to Bay restoration and programmatic accomplishments, and discussed ways in which the DoD interacts with defense communities.</p> <p>K. Du Bois shared the following documents related to the 2020 Maryland Chesapeake Bay</p>

	blake.e.waller.civ@us.navy.mil	<p>Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MOU Cover Letter ○ Upgrade Status of Wastewater Treatment Plants ○ FY 2022 Accomplishments Summary ○ FY 2022 Projects & Funding Report <p>K. Du Bois recommended reaching out to the Community Planning Liaison Office at each installation for concerns about stormwater, invasive species, etc. The point of contact for stormwater at the Naval Support Activity Mechanicsburg is Catherine Mann, catherine.m.mann9.civ@us.navy.mil.</p> <p>Action: Staff will add a DoD presentation on financial assistance for local governments at a future meeting.</p>
LGAC and the Chesapeake Bay Commission: Opportunities to Engage	<p>Anna Killius, Executive Director, Chesapeake Bay Commission Contact: akillius@chesbay.us</p>	<p>A. Killius presented on the background of the Chesapeake Bay Commission (CBC), its function, and its role within the Chesapeake Bay Program.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff to share the posted 2024 CBC Quarterly Meeting dates and locations. ● Staff to identify and share how the CBC state delegations give notice for their delegation meetings. ● Staff shared the Executive Council LGAC Annual Recommendations letter with Anna Killius and CBC State Directors. ● Staff will invite CBC members to future roundtables, LGAC Meetings, and other applicable events.
www.ProtectLocalWaterways.org Website	<p>Laura Cattell Noll, Coordinator, CBP Local Leadership Workgroup Contact: lnoll@allianceforthebay.org</p>	<p>L. Cattell Noll presented on the new Protect Local Waterways website that houses the Local Government Guide to the Chesapeake Bay modules. The website also contains four new educational modules, 2 minute modules videos, local case studies, and more.</p>
EPA's Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Strategic Roadmap	<p>Ruby Stanmyer, Drinking Water Project officer, USEPA Region 3 Contact: Stanmyer.Ruby@epa.gov</p>	<p>R. Stanmyer provided a background on PFAS, explained the EPA's PFAS Strategic Roadmap, and discussed the impacts of the EPA's proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) and the Bipartisan</p>

		Infrastructure Law (BIL) on PFAS.
Accounting for Ecosystem Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecosystem Services Overview (Campbell) • Lighting Round of Ecosystem Services Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Integrating Ecosystem Services with Local Planning (Rice) ○ Land Trusts Using Ecosystem Services Benefits to Support Land Protection (Bowen) ○ Solar Energy Siting Using Ecosystem Services Benefits to Examine Tradeoffs (Gramp) 	<p>Elliott Campbell, Ecology Economist, MD DNR Contact: Elliott.campbell@maryland.gov</p> <p>Charles Rice, Program Manager for Environmental Programs, Charles County Government Contact: RiceC@charlescountymd.gov</p> <p>Greg Bowen, Executive Director, American Chestnut Land Trust - Contact: gbowen@acltweb.org</p> <p>Kathy Gramp, Advocates for Herring Bay - Contact: kgramp@gmail.com</p>	<p>E. Campbell presented on mapping ecosystem services in Maryland, MD DNR's valuation methodology used to assign costs to ecosystem services, and the restoration co-benefit scoring approach used to identify potential restoration opportunities.</p> <p>C. Rice shared the Charles County, Maryland Comprehensive Plan and discussed the ecosystem services land use data considered in the decision to protect the Mattawoman Creek Stream Valley.</p> <p>G. Bowen discussed the history of land valuation in the Chesapeake Bay region and shared the ecosystem services provided by the American Chestnut Land Trust's protected forests and wetlands.</p> <p>K. Gramp discussed the benefits of using Ecosystem Services Values (ESV) maps in Maryland for solar siting and adding solar capacity while protecting ecological resources.</p>
Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee Report (Chair) • Local Leadership Workgroup (LLWG) Report (Chair) • Coordinator's Report (Coordinator) 		<p>LGAC Chair shared participation in the recent Management Board and Principal Staff Committee meetings on behalf of LGAC. LGAC Chair also shared key takeaways from the September Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee panel discussion, "Exploring the Successes and Challenges of Water Resource Management Programs that Compare in Scale to the Chesapeake Bay Program."</p> <p>LLWG Chair updated members on recent and upcoming local government engagement efforts and shared a video of the June Wandering West Virginia's Waterways Tour.</p> <p>LGAC Coordinator shared the 2023 Annual Recommendations to the Executive Council, updated members on upcoming local government engagement efforts, and reviewed staff updates to the LGAC 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. LGAC Coordinator also solicited feedback from members on the Local Government Forum Recommendations Infographic.</p> <p>Action: Staff revised the Local Government Forum Recommendations Infographic. based</p>

		on members' suggestions. The graphic will be shared at various engagement opportunities.
2023 Local Government Forum Mini-Work Session: Draft: <i>Building Regional Capacity with Collaborative Federal Grant Proposals</i>	Jennifer Starr, Coordinator, LGAC	J. Starr opened up the 2023 Local Government Forum topic for discussion; members were in favor of focusing the Forum on "Building Capacity Through Collaboration." Action: Staff will proceed with "Building Capacity Through Collaboration" for the 2023 Local Government Forum on November 30th.
<u>Chesapeake Bay Program Update (including Reaching 2025 and Beyond 2025)</u>	Jeff Lerner, Acting Chief, Partnerships and Accountability Branch, CBP Contact: Lerner.Jeffrey@epa.gov (with Commentary from Don Phillips representing LGAC on Beyond 2025 Committee)	J. Lerner presented on EPA Bay funding opportunities for communities, shared green infrastructure case studies in PA and MD, and delivered an update on Reaching 2025 outcome attainability and high-level recommendations. J. Lerner and D. Phillips also shared the recent progress of the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee. Action: Staff to share the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee monthly meeting dates .
<u>Federal Funding – Firehose of Opportunities and the Challenge of Managing Them</u>	Jen Cotting, Director, Environmental Finance Center Contact: jcotting@umd.edu	J. Cotting provided a background on the UMD Environmental Finance Center, and engaged Members on the local government funding challenges associated with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act.
Final Thoughts/Actions from this Meeting		Staff shared action items from the meeting. LGAC will hold its next quarterly meeting on November 30-December 1 in Washington, DC .

LGAC Members Present: Richard Baugh, Emeritus Member Phillip Briddell, Daniel Chao, Mark Dobbins, Sheila Finlayson, Penny Gross, Josh Hastings, Michael Helfrich, Donna Iannone, Leo Lutz, Brianne Nadeau, Don Phillips, Lisa Schaefer, John Thomas.

LGAC Staff: Kayli Ottomanelli and Jennifer Starr.

LLWG Staff: Laura Cattell Noll.

Speaker/Guests Present: Greg Allen (EPA), Jess Blackburn (Alliance), Keith Bollt (EPA CBPO), Greg Bowen (ACLT), Katie Brownson (USFS), Elliott Campbell (MD DNR), Nicole Christ (MDE), Meg Cole (CRC STAC), Jen Cotting (UMD EFC), Frank Dawson (Montgomery County, MD), Carrie Decker (MD DNR), Kevin Du Bois (DoD CBP), Michelle Edwards (RRRC), Kathy Gramp (AHB), Kasha Griva, Joy Jackson (ICL), Ashley Kelly, Anna Killius (CBC), Jeff Lerner (EPA CBPO), Alex LoCurto (Alliance), David Tyler Maginnes (Maginnes Productions), Tou Matthews (CRC STAC), Erin Penzelik (PA DEP), Charles Rice

(Charles County Government), Ruby Stanmyer (EPA R3), Kathy Stecker (MDE), James Sullivan (DNREC), Justin Williams (VA DEQ), Tree Zuzzio (PA DCED).